



GAIL FARBER, Director

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December 10, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF JULY 21, 2009, AGENDA ITEM 65-A 60TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE M-8**

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If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
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November 18, 2009

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *William Winter*  
Director of Public Works

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bc: Traffic and Lighting (Winter, Chon)



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October 15, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *[Signature]*  
Director of Public Works *[Signature]*

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September 17, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber  
Director of Public Works

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August 19, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber  
Director of Public Works

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This intersection is shared jurisdictionally between the City of Palmdale (City) and the County. The approaches where the additional stop signs are requested are wholly within the City. Attached is a copy of the letter from Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich that asks the City for its formal opinion on this matter. We will continue to be in contact with the City's engineering staff as they consider this request.

Our next status report will be sent to you in 30 days. If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel (Warren Wellen)  
Executive Office



# PALMDALE

*a place to call home*

October 22, 2009

The Honorable Michael Antonovich  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 869  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Antonovich,

Thank you for notifying us that the Board of Supervisors took action requesting a multi-way stop at the intersection of Avenue M-8 and 60<sup>th</sup> Street West. The City of Palmdale has investigated the request for a multi-way stop at the subject location. The City's study is attached for your reference.

Avenue M-8 and 60<sup>th</sup> Street West are identified in the City's General Plan as arterial roadways. As your letter outlines, the intersection is shared jurisdiction with Los Angeles County controlling the northeast corner (the westbound approach), while Palmdale controls the remaining three legs of the intersection. Stop signs are posted for eastbound and westbound traffic.

In 2006, the configuration of the intersection was modified to eliminate a northbound through lane in favor of a westbound-to-northbound free right turn lane. This allowed the stop bar and markings for westbound traffic to be moved further forward, improving intersection sight distance. The City collected traffic collision information from the beginning of 2006 through the end of 2008 for this analysis. The collision information at the location shows a declining trend and indicates that the corrective measures installed in 2006 appear to have been effective in reducing correctable collisions at the location. It is important to note that collision data comes from the sheriff's department and includes reported collisions involving property walls at or near the intersection.

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Letter to Supervisor Antonovich – 60<sup>th</sup> St W and Ave M-8  
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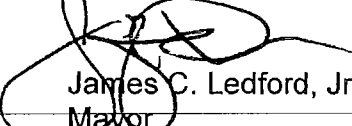
In addition, traffic volumes were collected in July of 2009 for the subject intersection. Based on those volumes, 60<sup>th</sup> Street West carries approximately 85 percent of the traffic entering the intersection on a typical weekday. Weekend traffic volume characteristics show a similar traffic distribution. Traffic volumes take into account the adjacent land uses, including the nearby church. The proposed multi-way stop could substantially increase the delay and queuing for an overwhelming majority of the motorists using this intersection.

Finally, the impact of the roadway slope on traffic speeds was considered and the speed limit has been set per the requirements of state law. Speed studies have been performed on each roadway segment, with speed limits set at the lowest value legally and reasonably defensible under state law.

The City of Palmdale has carefully reviewed your request. Based on the conditions at the intersection and the traffic data that was collected, the City does not currently support a multi-way stop at this location. The City will reconsider its position should the County provide a traffic study that justifies a multi-way stop at the location, or should conditions change at the intersection.

Please provide any analysis of the intersection the County performs or has performed to Bill Padilla, the City Traffic / Transportation Engineer. He may be reached at (661) 267-5300. As always, I appreciate your efforts in matters concerning Palmdale.

Sincerely,



James C. Ledford, Jr.  
Mayor

BK:bk

C: City Council  
Stephen H. Williams, City Manager  
Laurie Lile, Assistant City Manager  
Michael J. Mischel, Director of Public Works  
Bill Padilla, Traffic / Transportation Engineer  
Gail Faber, Los Angeles County Director of Public Works



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July 21, 2009

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TO: Each Supervisor  
FROM: Gail Farber  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF JULY 21, 2009, AGENDA ITEM 65-A 60TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE M-8**

Item 65-A of your Board's July 21, 2009, agenda is a motion directing Public Works to install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 60th Street West and Avenue M-8 in Quartz Hill.

This intersection is shared jurisdictionally between the City of Palmdale and the County. Only the northeast quadrant is within the County. The approach within the County is currently stop-controlled.

Public Works, in consultation with the City of Palmdale, reviewed this intersection in early 2007 for multiway stop control. Additional traffic controls were not recommended at that time. The nationally recognized warrants used by us in guiding our engineering judgment for multiway stop control were not satisfied.

The City of Palmdale, in consultation with us, studied the intersection in early 2008. They also determined that multiway stop control was not recommended at that time. Their study did recommend the installation of "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs. These signs, which supplement the stop signs on the east and west approaches, were installed in April 2008.

If adopted, we will refer this motion to the City of Palmdale for their consideration since the County does not have jurisdiction for the north and south approaches. We will report back to your Board with the status every 30 days as instructed.



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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
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bc: Traffic and Lighting (Winter, Chon)

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*Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles*

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August 17, 2009

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
SUPERVISOR

The Honorable Jim Ledford  
Mayor, City of Palmdale  
38300 North Sierra Highway, Suite A  
Palmdale, CA 93550-4798

Dear Mayor Ledford:

At our July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved my motion requesting the installation of 4-way stop signs at the intersection of the intersection of 60th Street West and Avenue M-8. This intersection currently has 2-way stop signs.

The intersection is shared jurisdictionally between the City of Palmdale and the County (the northeast quadrant is in Quartz Hill. County staff has been in contact with engineers with the City of Palmdale. Although the 4-way stop sign proposal has been considered and rejected in the past, I am writing to request that the City re-examine the issue and consider installing the 4-way signs.

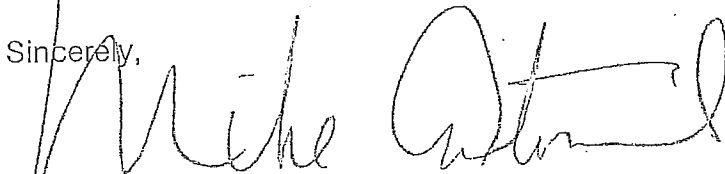
There are extenuating circumstances which should be considered above and beyond the standard "warrants" issues associated with stop sign requests. A resident who lives near the intersection reports that her backyard fence has been struck several times by vehicles. One of the approaches descends as it approaches the intersection, which tends to increase the speed of motorists. Lastly, there is an existing church approximately two blocks to the east of the intersection.

Your staff has been very gracious in discussing this matter with County engineers and staff of my office, for which I am grateful.

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Thank you in advance for considering installing 4-way stop signs at this intersection.

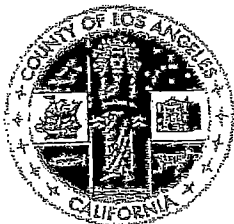
Sincerely,



MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Gail Farber, Director of Public Works  
Mark McDonald



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STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

9:30 AM

- 65-A. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Direct the Director of Public Works to install a 4-way sign at the intersection of 60th Street West and Avenue M-8 in Quartz Hill; and report back to the Board every 30 days until such time as the new signs are installed. (09-1707)

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, this item was approved.

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Yaroslavsky,  
Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Knabe

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

Attachments: Motion by Supervisor Antonovich  
Report

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held July 21, 2009, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer

Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_